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Bringhurst et al.

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Reply To Restriction Requirement And To Requirement For Election Of Species

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is in reply to the Office Action dated June 8, 2001, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, and an election of species within the invention. Please disregard the reply filed on August 2, 2001, as it was filed in error.

Reply to Restriction Requirement

Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-8. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.